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Re: *Generic Docket to Establish UNE Prices for Line Sharing per FCC 99-355 and Riser Cable and Terminating Wire as Ordered in TRA Docket No. 98-00123*  
Docket No. 00-00544

*Petition to Convene a Contested Case Proceeding to Establish "Permanent Prices" for Interconnection and Unbundled Network Elements*  
Docket No. 97-01262

Dear Mr. Waddell:

On March 6, 2001, the Authority asked BellSouth whether or not it would agree to allow CLECs to adopt the interim rates set in Docket No. 00-00544 in the same manner as CLECs may adopt permanent rates in Docket No. 97-01262. This is to notify the Authority that BellSouth agrees to allow CLECs to incorporate into their agreements the interim rates ordered in Docket No. 00-00544 using the same process which BellSouth has agreed to implement for CLECs to incorporate the permanent rates adopted in Docket No. 97-01262.

Specifically, BellSouth will accept a letter request from CLECs as sufficient to implement the interim rates in Docket No. 00-00544 for all CLECs that have interconnection agreements in Tennessee which contain existing rates for those elements at issue in Docket No. 00-00544. The interim rates would be effective as of September 26, 2000, the date the interim rates were verbally adopted by the

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Authority. BellSouth will also notify all certified CLECs in Tennessee by means of BellSouth's carrier website as to the availability of the interim rates in Docket No. 00-00544. Included on the website notification will be a template contract amendment for CLECs to access electronically, download, sign, and fax to BellSouth.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guy M. Hicks", with a large, sweeping loop extending to the left.

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